

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): An image data management system, comprising:
 - a plurality of printing stations with functions to read digital image data, to print the data by performing necessary image processing and to transmit or receive the image data;
 - a management system connected to each printing station via a network and used for identifying management data of each printing station and for distributing necessary data to each printing station; and
 - a server for turning the image data, being transmitted from each printing station to the management system, to a database and for storing the data.
2. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein the image data turned to said database has image categories as attribute information.
3. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein the image data turned to said database contains information for public disclosure of the image as attribute information.
4. (original): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said management system performs remote-controlled maintenance on each printing station based on a management data.
5. (original): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein, in said printing station, the user can specify an image to be printed as well as an image to be

transferred to and stored in the management system from the images displayed on a monitor screen.

6. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said printing station comprises a photographing equipment and a photograph for certification purposes can be prepared.

7. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said image processing comprises at least one of:

correcting a rear light or a reflection light of said image data;

correcting a color of said image data automatically for adjusting technical peculiarities applied to an image by an image data acquiring device;

correcting color balance of said image data;

enlarging or reducing a size of said image data; and

removing noise in the image data.

8. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of printing stations further comprises:

a currency processing unit, wherein said currency processing unit identifies currency inserted into the system, processes a cost to be charged to a client, and returns currency to the client.

9. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said management system comprises a host computer.

10. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 2, wherein said attribute information further comprises:

at least one of a name, an age, a sex, an occupation, an address and a telephone number of an owner of the image data; and
a date of when the image data was obtained.

11. (previously presented): An image data management system according to claim 2, wherein said image categories comprise: images of family, personal portraits, scenery, animals or plants.

12. (new): An image data management system according to claim 2, wherein the attribute information is attached to the image data.

13. (new): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of printing stations are continuously connected to said management system.

14. (new): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of printing stations are publicly located.

15. (new): An image data management system according to claim 2, wherein said attribute information further comprises a name, an age, a sex, an occupation, an address and a telephone number of an owner of the image data.

16. (new): An image data management system according to claim 1, wherein said image processing comprises at least one of:

correcting a rear light or a reflection light of said image data;

correcting a color of said image data automatically for adjusting technical peculiarities applied to an image by an image data acquiring device;

correcting color balance of said image data; and

removing noise in the image data.